



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert C. Simpson

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For: An Epidural Catheter System To Contain
And Control An Epidural Catheter,
Maintain Epidural Catheter Sterility And
Prevent Epidural Catheter Contamination

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring February 6, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.